





JOURNAL
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS,
HELD IN
ALTON, MADISON COUNTY,

ON THE
TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY-SECOND OF JUNE 1847.

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FIRST COMMENCEMENT
IN JUBILEE COLLEGE,

JULY 7, 1847.

1. PRAYERS IN THE CHAPEL, 10 o'clock.

"The Lord is in his Holy Temple"—*Organ*; Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson, Isaiah xl., 2nd Lesson, St. Luke x, 23—38; Psalter, 10th selection; Hymn 154, Tune—Denmark—*Organ*.

2. PROCESSION—Music by the brass band of Knoxville.

Music.

3. ORATION—English—Legal Science.

JACOB SHERRIL CHAMBERLAIN.

Music.

4. ORATION—English—Mathematical Science.

PHILANDER CHASE, Jr.

Music.

5. ORATION—Latin—Classical Literature.

THEODORE NEVIN MORRISON.

Music.

6. ORATION—English—Christian Education.

HENRY SAFFORD.

Music.

7. ORATION—Valedictory.

SAMUEL DECATUR PULFORD.

Music.

8. DEGREES CONFERRED—J. A. Anderson, J. S. Chamberlaine, P. Chase, Jr., T. N. Morrison, S. D. Pulford, ad gradum Baccalaurei in Artibus; H. Safford, ad gradum Magistri in Artibus.

9. "Vos vero videte, Juvenes Delecti," &c.

Music.

10. BENEDICTION BY BISHOP CHASE, PRESIDENT.

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LIST OF CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS,
ENTITLED TO SEATS IN CONVENTION, A. D. 1847.

Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Jubilee college.
Rev. WM. ALLANSON,* Christ Church, Little Fort.
Rev. JAMES BENTLEY, St. Paul's, Warsaw.
Rev. D. E. BROWN,* Christ Church, Joliet.
Rev. SAM'L CHASE, Teacher in Jubilee college, and Missionary.
Rev. DUDLEY CHASE, Jubilee college, Missionary.
Rev. G. P. COMINGS, Missionary.
Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAIN,* Missionary, Tremont, Metamora and Peoria.
Rev. J. L. DARROW, Christ Church, Collinsville.
Rev. E. DE WOLF, Missionary.
Rev. C. DRESSER, St. Paul's, Springfield.
Rev. G. P. GIDDINGE, St. John's, Quincy.
Rev. E. B. KELLOGG,* St. James', Chicago.
Rev. C. V. KELLEY, Christ Church, Ottawa.
Rev. W. MITCHELL, Chester, Itinerant Missionary.
Rev. S. D. McMASTERS, St. Paul's, Alton.
Rev. R. RADLEY, Kickapoo and vicinity.
Rev. J. SELLWOOD, Zion Church, Mendon.
Rev. R. J. WALKER, Christ Church, Rushville.
Rev. A. J. WARNER,* Missionary, Sterling, Clark county.
Rev. J. T. WASHINGTON, Trinity Church, Jacksonville.
Rev. A. LOUDERBACK, Grace Church, Galena.

Total number,	- - - - -	22
Present in Convention,	- - - - -	16

* Not in attendance on Convention.

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ALTON, MONDAY, June 21st, 1847.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Illinois assembled according to appointment, this the 21st day of June, A. D. 1847.

On Sunday, the day previous, the religious solemnities preparatory to business were celebrated according to usage, under a resolution recommending the same. In the morning Rev. Mr. Kelley read prayers; Rev. S. Chase preached; the Bishop read the ante-communion service, and consecrated the elements, assisted in the distribution by Rev. Mr. McMasters.

In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Worthington read prayers, and the Bishop delivered his address.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. Radley read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Dressér preached a sermon in behalf of the Diocesan Missionary Association.

The Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, presiding, opened the Convention by prayer.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the names of the clergy, from the certified list furnished by the Bishop; when the following clergymen responded to their names, and took their seats, viz.:

Rev. James Bentley,
" Samuel Chase,
" Dudley Chase,
" G. P. Comings,
" Joseph L. Darrow,
" Erastus DeWolf,
" Charles Dresser,

Rev. C. V. Kelley,
" W. Mitchell,
" S. D. McMasters,
" R. Radley,
" John Sellwood,
" R. J. Walker,
" J. F. Worthington.

There being a canonical quorum of the clergy in attendance, Rev. Messrs. Dresser and Kelley were appointed a committee upon testimonials of lay delegates, who reported,
From *Christ Church, Robin's Nest*—James L. Riggs.

St. Paul's Church, Alton—John Bailhache, John W. Chickering.

Christ Church, Rushville—Utten S. Smith, Jacob O. Jones.*

Christ Church, Erindale—John T. Milling.

Christ Church, Ottawa—Thomas Basnett,* James Lafertry.*

St. Paul's Church, Springfield—S. H. Treat.

Trinity Church, Jacksonville—Dr. B. Gillette, H. N. Pettit.*

Zion Church, Mendon—Levi Stillman.

St. Andrew's, Edwardsville—George Churchill.

here appearing also a canonical quorum in the lay representation present, on motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary;

Whereupon, Rev. S. Chase was, on nomination, unanimously appointed.

On motion,

Resolved, That all clergymen present, but not entitled to seats in Convention, be invited to honorary seats; and also Mr. Allis, from Waverly.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to Jubilee college and its charter, be referred to a committee to consist of three clergymen and two laymen;

And on the Bishop's requesting that said committee be named by the Convention, Rev. Messrs. Dresser, Kelley and Worthington, and Judge Bailhache and Dr. Gillette were duly appointed.

The committee to whom at the last Convention were referred the canons for revision, reported; which report, after being read, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

On motion,

Rev. Mr. Worthington, and Judge Treat and Doctor Gillette,

* Not in attendance on Convention.

were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account, and to assess the several parishes for the contingent expenses of Convention, 1847.

The Parochial reports were then presented by the Bishop, read, and ordered to be inserted on the Journal.

On motion,

The Convention adjourned for divine service at 11 o'clock, until half past two o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 1-2 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Present as in the morning ; and in addition, Rev. Messrs. G. P. Gidding and Alfred Louderback.

Rev. Messrs. Corbin, Cressy, and Griswold, of the Diocese of Missouri, took their seats as honorary members, according to a resolution of the morning session.

The committee on testimonials of lay delegates further reported, that J. C. Ketcham, from St. Paul's Church, Alton ; and H. H. Geer* and James Carter,* from Grace Church, Galena, had presented certificates of election.

Mr. Ketcham appeared and took his seat.

The committee further reported that D. B. Tuthill, George T. Wall, and B. G. Roots, had been elected delegates from Zion Church, Vergennes, Jackson and Perry counties, who appeared and took their seats.

On motion,

Zion Church, Vergennes, Jackson and Perry counties ; St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield ; Christ Church, Erindale ; and Christ Church, Metamora, were admitted into union with the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Grace Church, Beardstown, have permission to change the designation of that parish to that of St. Andrew's.

On motion,

St. Paul's Church, Peru, was admitted into union with the Convention.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account,

* Not in attendance on the Convention.

and assess the parishes for the year 1847, reported:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the expenses of the Diocese, beg leave to report that they have examined, and approve of the report of the Treasurer, and find in his hands, to the credit of the Diocese, the sum of \$10.89. To defray the expenses of the Convention, and for other purposes, we have assessed the following sums to the several parishes of the Diocese:

St. John's, Quincy,	\$10	Trinity Church, Chicago,	\$10
Grace Church, Galena,	10	St. John's Church, Albion,	3
St. Paul's, Alton,	5	Christ Church, Kickapoo,	3
Trinity Church, Jacksonville,	5	Grace Church, Beardstown,	3
Christ Church, Rushville,	3	St. John's Church, Lockport,	3
St. Paul's, Springfield,	10	St. Mark's Church, Chester,	2
Christ Church, Robin's Nest,	5	Zion Church, Mendon,	2
Christ Church, Tremont,	3	Christ Church, Collinsville,	2
Calvary Church, Farmingt'n,	3	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield,	2
Christ Church, Joliet,	5	Christ Church, Ottawa,	3
St. James', Chicago,	10		

JOHN T. WORTHINGTON,
S. H. TREAT,
B. GILLETTE.

On motion,

The convention proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee; whereupon were elected,

OF THE CLERGY,

Rev. C. DRESSER,

“ S. CHASE.

OF THE LAITY,

Judge TREAT,

A. CAMPBELL.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary this Diocese is entitled to elect;

Whereupon Rev. Messrs. Giddinge and Worthington and Dr. Gillette were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Rev. S. Chase was appointed Treasurer of the Convention.

The Standing Committee made the following report:

Since the last Convention, testimonials have been signed by the committee, recommending J. Lloyd Johnston and Stephen R. Child to be received as candidates for orders; J. F. Wor-

thington, J. S. Chamberlaine, George P. Comings and James Bentley, to be admitted to Deacons' orders; and the Rev. Messrs. R. J. Walker and Richard Radley to be admitted to the order of Priests.

CHARLES DRESSER,
Sec. of Standing Committee.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to elect delegates to the General Convention; whereupon were elected,

OF THE CLERGY,	OF THE LAITY,
Rev. S. CHASE,	E. MOORE,
" C. DRESSER,	J. W. CHICKERING,
" G. P. GIDDINGE,	S. H. TREAT,
" C. V. KELLEY.	B. GILLETTE.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee on Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, be also charged with ascertaining whether any matter submitted by the General Convention to the several Diocesan Conventions, requires the action of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next ensuing Convention be held at Jacksonville, Morgan county.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure information in relation to the source whence pure wines may be procured for the administration of the Holy Communion;

Whereupon were appointed, Rev. Messrs. McMasters and Dresser, and Messrs. Treat and Bailhache.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. Paul's Church, Warsaw, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication was made by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese to the Convention, requesting the Convention to pro-

ceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop, by reason of his age and bodily infirmities; whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop.

On motion,

The Convention adjourned for divine service until 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee upon so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the charter of Jubilee college made the following report:

The committee to which has been referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Act to incorporate Jubilee college, approved January 22d, 1847, having taken the subject into consideration, respectfully beg leave to recommend to this convention, the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, this convention have learned, with heartfelt satisfaction and devout gratitude to Almighty God, that, through the untiring exertions of the venerable Founder of Jubilee college, a liberal charter was granted to the said institution, by the legislature of the state of Illinois at their late session: And whereas, by the 14th section of the said charter, the Convention of this Diocese are required, before they shall proceed to exercise the powers therein conferred upon them, to enter on their Journal a resolution, signifying their assent to the provisions of the said charter, and their obligation to fulfil the duties therein imposed on them, according to the fair interpretation of the expressed design and will of the Founder: And whereas, the Convention, deeply sensible of the great and lasting benefits which Jubilee college, if governed in strict conformity with the true intent and meaning of the said charter, is calculated to confer upon the present and all succeeding generations in this portion of the Mississippi valley, are desirous so far as may be in their power, to carry into full effect the provisions of the said charter, and the wishes and intentions of the Bishop of this Diocese, in relation to the said college: Therefore

1st. *Be it resolved*, That this Convention do hereby fully

and unreservedly signify their assent to the provisions contained in the act of the Legislature of the state of Illinois, entitled "An Act to incorporate Jubilee college," approved January 22nd, 1847, and their obligation to fulfil the duties therein imposed on them, according to the fair interpretation of the expressed design and will of the Founder, and the true intent and meaning of the act above recited.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this Convention desire hereby to express their devout gratitude to Almighty God, for the signal success with which, in His own good time, He has been graciously pleased to crown the exertions of his aged servant, the Bishop of this Diocese, towards securing a charter for Jubilee college; and that we heartily and sincerely congratulate our venerable Diocesan on this auspicious result, humbly praying and trusting that his valuable life may be spared to see the said institution, the object of so many cares and prayers, in complete operation, in conformity with his views, and diffusing the inestimable blessings of religious, moral, and literary instruction throughout the length and breadth of this state.

3rd. *Resolved*, That this Convention, having the fullest confidence in the venerable Founder of Jubilee college, do hereby express their entire approbation of the manner in which the funds committed to his care have been disbursed, and devoutly pray that the great Head of the Church will put it into the hearts of his people to furnish the means necessary to enable him to carry into effect his views in regard to said institution.

4th. *Resolved*, That this Convention most respectfully tender their hearty thanks to the last General Assembly of the state of Illinois, for the readiness and unanimity with which they acceded to the wishes of the Bishop of this Diocese, in granting a liberal charter to Jubilee college; and earnestly hope that the great advantages which the people of this state will hereafter derive from the said institution, will justify their confidence, as well as realize the most sanguine expectations of its Founder.

CHARLES DRESSER,
CHARLES V. KELLEY,
JOHN T. WASHINGTON,
JOHN BAILHACHE,
BEZALEEL GILLETTE.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolutions together with the preamble contained in the report, be adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of an Assistant Bishop. The Rev. JAMES B. BRITTON, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was duly nominated, and the nomination seconded.

Whereupon, the Rev. James B. Britton, of Chillicothe, in the Diocese of Ohio, was duly elected, by ballot, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois—the two orders voting separately, and the laity by congregations, according to the provision of the constitution of the Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate to the Rev. James B. Britton the action of this Convention in electing him Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois; and that the necessary testimony from the members of this Convention, to be presented to the Houses of Clerical and Lay members in General Convention, be prepared for the signatures of the members of this Convention.

The committee on Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, made the following report:

The committee appointed to ascertain what number of Trustees to the General Theological Seminary, this Diocese is entitled to, respectfully report, That, by the act of incorporation of the General Theological Seminary, the board of trustees consists of all the Bishops of the Church, *ex officio*; one Trustee from each Diocese, and one additional for every eight clergymen in the same; one more additional for every \$2,000 of money contributed, until the same amounts to \$10,000; then one additional Trustee for every \$10,000. There are now in the Diocese twenty-two clergymen, all of whom are engaged in parochial duty. The committee are not aware that any money has been contributed by the Diocese to the funds of the Seminary. The Diocese of Illinois is then entitled to three Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

GEO. P. GIDDINGE, Ch'n,
B. GILLETTE,
JOHN T. WASHINGTON.

Which report was accepted, and the following persons were duly nominated Trustees of the Seminary:

Rev. Mr. GIDDINGE, Rev. Mr. DRESSER,
E. MOORE, Esq.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be the duty of all clergymen in this Diocese, to press upon the communicants under their charge, the importance of taking with them letters of commendation when they remove from place to place, and to present them to the clergyman of the parish into which they may remove.

The following canon was offered, and, on motion, was laid on the table for action to-morrow:

No clergyman shall take charge of any parish in this Diocese, or be a minister or assistant minister in any parish, without having first obtained the written permission of the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, of the standing committee of the Diocese. Nor shall any clergyman having the charge of a parish, relinquish the same without the written permission of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the standing committee.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to consider the report of the committee on canons.

Whereupon the following canons were adopted as canons of this Diocese:—

The committee to whom was referred the canons of this Diocese, have had the same under consideration, and recommend for adoption the following code.

CHARLES DRESSER,
SAMUEL CHASE,
JOHN T. WORTHINGTON.

CANON I.

Of a List to be made of the Ministers in the Diocese.

Within one week before the meeting of every convention of this Diocese, the Bishop shall prepare or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as missionaries, or of the colleges, academies, or general seminaries of learning, duly

incorporated, in which they are engaged ; or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions, or institutions of learning as above, the places of residence only ; but no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on the said list ; and such list shall be before the convention on the first day of meeting, and be prefixed to the Journal.

CANON II.

Of the Members of the Convention.

SEC. 1. The right of any clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the convention, shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provision of the fourth article of the constitution, by the convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid or omitted.

SEC. 2. The appointment of a lay deputy to the convention of this Diocese, shall be certified in writing by the rector or minister of a parish of which he is a representative, or by one of the wardens, or by the clerk of the vestry of such church ; and no other certificate of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the convention of this Diocese, shall be allowed or received. And no lay delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the convention, unless he be entitled to a vote for wardens and vestrymen of the church which he is appointed to represent.

SEC. 3. The presence of at least two clergymen entitled to vote in the convention, and of delegates from at least five congregations, shall be necessary to the transaction of business, except that a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

CANON III.

Of the call of a Convention.

Unless it be otherwise directed by the convention, the mode of giving notice of the meeting of any convention, shall be by any advertisement of the time and place of such meeting, signed by the secretary, and published in three of the public papers of the state of Illinois. Whenever, under the provisions of the constitution, a special convention is called for any particular purpose, it shall be the duty of the secretary, in the notice thereof, to specify such purpose.

CANON IV.

Of Parochial Association.

It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than three, friendly to the Episcopal church, and desirous of concentrating their endeavors, to associate themselves as a parish under the direction of any minister canonically resident in this Diocese; *Provided, however,* that such parish shall embrace at least six communicants to entitle it to a representative in the convention. The following shall be the form of such association:

“We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the Christian religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influences in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of _____ Parish, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America and Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose constitution and canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose liturgy and mode of worship we promise conformity.”

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of each parish organized according to the above form, to report the fact of such organization within one month to the secretary of the convention, duly certified by the minister under whose direction the parish was organized, and the secretary shall make an attested record of the same.

CANON V.

Of the admission of a Church into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

SEC. 1. To entitle a church, hereafter, to admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal church in this Diocese, it shall be required that the vestry submit to the convention, or to a committee appointed by its authority, the certificate of organization, signed by one of the wardens or the clerk of the vestry.

SEC. 2. Every organized church, applying for admission into union with the convention of this Diocese, shall also produce to the convention a certificate of the Bishop, or in case of his

absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the major part of the standing committee that he or they approve of the organization of such church.

CANON VI.

Of Vestries.

SEC. 1. On Easter Monday, or some other day in each year, the parishioners of each church shall elect a vestry, to consist of a senior and junior warden, who shall be communicants, and from three to seven vestrymen, who shall be baptized persons, if such suitable for the office can be had; and the vestry may fill vacancies occurring in their own body; and only the male communicants of a parish, and such other persons, not under age, as have signed the articles of parochial association, or during the previous year have contributed to the support of the church in that parish and frequented its services, shall be entitled to vote in any parish election.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the rector, one of the wardens shall preside in vestry meetings. The vestry shall elect a clerk, whose duty it shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the vestry, and to perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him. He shall deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the church, which may be in his possession.

SEC. 3. The duties of the vestry shall be to take charge of the property of the church, to attend to and regulate all its temporal concerns, to make arrangement for the support of the rector, and to supply his place in case of a vacancy. They shall continue in office until their successors be chosen, and shall be considered trustees of their respective churches, in accordance with the provisions of the law of this state for the incorporation of religious societies.—(See revised code, p. p. 120-1.)

CANON VII.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

SEC. 1. In addition to the constitutional provisions concern-

ing the secretary, it is hereby declared that this officer shall be chosen by ballot, after *viva voce* nominations of the candidates, and shall continue in office until a new election is made.

SEC. 2. He shall transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States, and to the secretary of the last house of clerical and lay deputies in the general convention, and to the secretary of every diocesan convention, a copy of the journal of the convention, and shall request the last to send copies of their respective journals in exchange. He shall also transmit to each general convention a certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay deputies, and of the nominations of trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

SEC. 3. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of secretary of the convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the assistant secretary, if there be one; if not, upon the secretary of the standing committee.

CANON VIII.

Of the Treasurer of the Convention.

SEC. 1. At every stated convention there shall be chosen by ballot, a treasurer of the convention, who shall remain in office until the next stated convention, and until a successor is appointed. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all monies collected under the authority of the convention, and of which the collection and distribution shall not be otherwise regulated.

SEC. 2. His accounts shall be rendered annually to the convention, and shall be examined by a committee acting under its authority.

SEC. 3. In case of a vacancy in the office of treasurer, it shall be supplied by an appointment to be made by the standing committee, and the person so appointed, shall continue to act until an appointment is made by the convention.

CANON IX.

Of Parish Registers and Parochial Reports.

SEC. 1. In the register required by canon of the general convention to be kept in each parish, shall be specified the name

and time of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors, the name of the adult baptized, the names of the parties married, the names of the persons buried, and also the time when each rite was performed. The register shall be kept by the minister, in a book to be provided for that purpose, belonging to the vestry of each church, which book shall be the parish register, and shall be preserved by the vestry as part of the records of the church. The list of communicants shall embrace all within his cure, as nearly as can be ascertained; and he shall also keep a list of the families and adult persons in his cure, as far as practicable, and also an accurate list of the persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop.

SEC. 2. The parochial report required by general canon to be made to the Bishop or president of each annual convention, shall state, in addition to what is specified in such canon, the number of communicants added and lost since last report, distinguishing in each case those added or lost by removal.

SEC. 3. In every case where a parish is destitue of a minister, the register contemplated by this canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose; and the annual parochial report shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop by the wardens of the parish.

CANON X.

Of the Deputies to the General Convention..

SEC. 1. The convention shall, at each regular annual meeting, elect by the concurrent ballot of the clerical and lay members, four clergymen and four laymen, who shall be communicants, to act as deputies from this Diocese to the general convention.

SEC. 2. The deputies appointed to the general convention, as provided for in the 1st section of this canon, shall hold their office until the next diocesan convention, and until others are chosen in their places.

CANON XI.

Of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 1. At every stated convention, an election of a standing

committee shall be made, which committee shall consist of two of the clergy and two of the laity, who shall be communicants, to be chosen by ballot, and by the concurrent vote of the members of each order. Vacancies in said committee, occurring by death or otherwise, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the clerical and lay members of the committee.

SEC. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop in matters of discipline, shall be performed by the standing committee, except in those cases where such powers and duties are or may be specially delegated to, or enjoined upon the clerical members of said committee, in which case such powers and duties shall be exercised by said clerical members alone; *Provided*, That no sentence shall be pronounced upon a clergyman but by a Bishop; and that where there is occasion for it, some neighboring Bishop shall be invited to perform this office.

SEC. 3. Should a stated convention, from any cause, not be held at the appointed time, or if such convention should be held but no election be made pursuant to section 1, of this canon, then the last standing committee elected shall continue to perform the duties of the office until a new election takes place.

CANON XII.

Of Vacant Parishes.

SEC. 1. Whenever a parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. The Bishop shall appoint those of the clergy in the Diocese, who can, with most convenience, discharge the duty, to supply such vacant parishes as have been reported to him, at such times as may be deemed convenient and proper. And at any convention, the clergy so appointed, shall be called on for an account of the fulfilment of the duty, and to make a full report concerning the state of the parish which they have visited. It shall be the duty of such vacant parishes thus supplied, to defray all of the expenses incident to such occasional services.

CANON XIII.

Concerning Elections.

Elections by ballot, when required by the canons, may be

dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the convention; and when an election is by ballot, a majority of the votes in each order shall be necessary to a valid election.

CANON XIV.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

Whenever any minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become liable to presentment and trial under the provisions of any canon of the general or diocesan convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz.:

SEC. 1. Whenever the Bishop shall have reason to believe on information given by a major part in number of the vestry of any church, of which the accused is a minister, or by any three presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the convention, or "from public rumor," as contemplated by section 2nd, canon xxxvii, of the general convention, that any clergyman is under imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be presbyters, to examine the case, a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there be in their opinion, sufficient grounds for a presentment, they shall present such clergyman to the Bishop, who shall thereupon cause a copy of said presentment, together with a citation to appear and answer thereto, to be served upon the accused with all convenient speed.

SEC. 2. The regular place for trial and the office for the records of all ecclesiastical proceedings, shall be the house of the Bishop. If there be no Bishop, the standing committee shall appoint the place for these purposes; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his council of advice, may appoint any place within the Diocese for the trial, if there be any special cause moving him thereto.

SEC. 3. The Bishop shall preside upon the trial as judge, and not less than three, nor more than five presbyters, shall be his assessors to try the facts in issue; which presbyters shall be selected by the accused, out of a list of eight, (to be furnished by the Bishop from among those entitled to seats in the

convention,) who shall be unconnected with said party by relationship or marriage, and not parties in the presentment; and if the accused shall neglect or refuse to make his selection, the standing committee shall select for him; and if there be no Bishop, or he decline sitting on the trial, the standing committee shall designate some member of the court to preside in his stead.

SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place appointed for the trial, shall be served on the accused, and also on one of the presenters, at least thirty days previous thereto; and advocates or proctors shall be allowed on either side, at the pleasure of the party, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants in some parish of the same for at least two years before the trial.

SEC. 5. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a commissary appointed for that purpose by the Bishop, or in the manner of commissions and depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the appearance of the witnesses and the hearing of their testimony on the trial, whenever it shall be preferred by either party; and the testimony so received shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses respectively.

SEC. 6. If a clergymen presented, shall at any time before the commencement of the trial, confess the facts charged in the presentment, the Bishop shall proceed to pass sentence; otherwise, he shall be considered as denying them.

SEC. 7. The court being duly constituted by the presence of the requisite number of presbyters, they shall receive such evidence as may be adduced in accordance with the provisions of this canon, and having deliberately considered the same, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their verdict on the several charges and specifications contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of each respectively, and stating also the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced. A copy of such verdict shall, without delay, be communicated to the accused, and the original verdict, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall, before the adjournment of the court, if present, pronounce such canonical

sentence thereon, as shall appear to him proper, provided the same exceed not in severity the sentence awarded by the assessors; and such sentence shall be final. *Provided, however,* That the Bishop, if he thinks justice requires, and if there be no Bishop, the ecclesiastical authority, may grant a new trial to the accused.

SEC. 8. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally, or by leaving copies thereof at their residences respectively; and may be served by a summoner or summoners appointed for that purpose by the Bishop, and of such service their certificate shall be evidence. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of that person. The time between the day of service and the day of appearance shall not be less than twenty days over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance.

SEC. 9. The expense necessarily incurred on any trial under this canon, including those of the accused when found innocent, shall be paid out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury, the accounts of the same having first been audited under the direction of the convention.

SEC. 10. No clergyman shall be suspended, or receive any public censure from the Bishop of the Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the manner provided for by this canon.

CANON XV.

It shall be the duty of every parish to contribute and forward to each annual convention, a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each communicant in the same, to defray the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

CANON XVI.

Concerning alterations in the Canons and additions thereto.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the canons shall hereafter be considered by the convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be given thereof in open convention, nor unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by a committee

of at least two presbyters, and two laymen; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same convention, if two thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein; but in such cases the same (unless negatived by a majority of the members present,) shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That all former canons be hereby repealed.

Pending the discussion upon the report of the committee on canons, it was announced that the necessary testimonials in behalf of Rev. J. B. Britton, Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese, to the General Convention, had been prepared; whereupon the discussion was suspended, and the said testimonials signed by all the members clerical and lay, of the Convention, consisting of sixteen clergy, and thirteen laymen, representing eleven congregations.

On motion,

Resolved, That the secretary cause to be printed 500 copies of the Journal, and 300 extra copies of the canons.

On motion,

Resolved, That the matter of salary and traveling expenses of the Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, be referred to the standing committee.

After repeating the 85th Psalm, and singing the 25th Hymn, and some appropriate collects by the Bishop, the convention adjourned, *sine die*.

PHILANDER CHASE,

Bishop of the Prot. Epis. Church in Illinois.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Secr'y of Convention.*

APPENDIX A.

BISHOP CHASE'S ADDRESS---1847.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—

Many mercies have been bestowed upon our Diocese since we last met in Convention. To enumerate these in order, connected with some of their providential circumstances, shall be the main design of this address. In doing so, we shall, I trust, see cause to give the praise and glory to God, who, through Jesus Christ, is the author of them all.

The first is the grant of a most liberal charter to Jubilee college, and the manner of its accomplishment was as follows:

I set off from home, for the seat of Illinois Legislature, in Springfield, the day after the festival of Christmas. I reached Tremont, and the next day preached to a crowded audience. On Monday, though it rained, we proceeded as far as the village of Middletown, and enjoyed the hospitalities of my good friend, Mr. Knapp. At Springfield, on Tuesday, I was received most kindly by the Rev. Mr. Dresser, who accompanied myself and son, the Rev. Dudley Chase, in paying dutiful respects to the Governor, at the state house. There I saw the members of the Senate, and those of the House of Representatives, and by them was greeted with the kindest salutations.

My bodily infirmities not permitting me to go abroad with comfort, the members of the committees on education and corporations had the goodness to visit me in my room, to listen to the prayer of my petition, and to give their assurance that they would present the same to their respective Houses.

The bill of incorporation was presented, and granted, as you see it in print; and was confirmed without alteration by the council of revision, without a dissenting voice in either branch

of the Legislature, and thus, with no reserved power of repeal, became the law of the land.

At the time of this enactment, I felt it to be from the undeserved goodness of God; and the same sentiment controls my judgment and warms my heart with gratitude, to the present moment. That you will join me in giving the praise to Him in whose hands are the hearts of all men, I have little doubt, especially when you duly consider the feebleness of the agent and the greatness of the object obtained, together with the difficulties which hitherto had attended all similar efforts.

That our success should awaken the envy of the wicked, as well as call forth the gratitude of the just, is not surprising; for since sin entered into the world, and the death of Abel by the hand of Cain, his brother, it hath always been so.

What will delight you still farther, is the evidence I have received touching this subject, of great joy in the hearts of our friends abroad. Their mutual congratulations were made known to me by the last arrivals, indicating a deep sense in their minds, of the manifold advantages that the grant of the charter to Jubilee college will prove to the Diocese of Illinois. Touching the reasonableness of the satisfaction felt on this subject, I cannot refrain from saying a few words here.

Taught by past experience the necessity of wise caution, in balancing the powers vested in public institutions in general, and especially those of an eleemosynary character, wherein the will of the donors must be paramount, you will at once perceive the justice, not to say the *necessity*, of the course pursued in framing the charter of Jubilee college.

The Convention having the power of choosing the Bishop, and the right of bearing an essential part in making the laws by which he is governed in his Diocese, ought to be content with that power and that right, and never disturb him in the discharge of his duties, when acting agreeably to the laws of God and of the land. Thus circumstanced, he is placed at the head of the Diocese and of the college, and literally fulfils the injunction of our Lord Jesus Christ, when he said, "He that "would be greatest among you, let him be your servant." This regimen forms a whole, both conservative and efficient—

a characteristic necessary in all well-ordered communities, especially that of the Episcopal church; all experience showing that there are more evils produced by jealousies about power and rights, to the great detriment and disgrace of the church of God, than from most other causes. Let these be overruled by wise legislation, and a due regard to primitive and scriptural usage, and by mutual forbearance and christian humility, and the enemy of our salvation will have little to do in disturbing our peace. Thus the charter of Jubilee college, having been granted by the Legislature of Illinois to the Founder, the sole instrument under Providence of its endowment, is and has been, from the moment of its becoming a law of the land, in operation; as appears more plainly by its wise provisions, according to one of which it is made the duty of the President to present it to this Convention, for their acceptance of the privileges therein assigned them, which duty is now most respectfully done.

In mentioning the name of the Rev. Charles Dresser, as the person at whose house I was so kindly received and entertained, while obtaining the charter of Jubilee college, I had not space, without interrupting the narrative, to speak of his interesting parish, and the prospects of soon completing a very excellent church in the city of Springfield, the seat of government in Illinois. It is, so far as it has been erected, built of the best of stone, and I trust will be completed this season. I preached two Sundays in their present place of worship, and confirmed several well-prepared persons. Few clergymen have I seen more respected, both as pastor of a flock or as chaplain to the Legislature; so that his influence is felt not only among his own people, but throughout the Diocese.

Another cause for mutual congratulation, is the increasing number of our clergy. These have been mostly drawn from our institution, the success of which we have just been contemplating. Since the last Convention, there have been, in this Diocese, six ordinations: two deacons to the order of presbyters, viz. the Rev. Messrs. R. Radley and Robert J. Walker; and four deacons, Messrs. J. T. Worthington, J. S. Chamberlain, G. P. Comings and J. Bentley. One other candidate be-

longing to the latter class would, I trust, have been ordained deacon, but his necessary absence in visiting his friends in Ohio, prevented. If approved by the standing committee of the Diocese, he will be presented for ordination at our collegiate commencement, when degrees in the arts and sciences will be conferred, on the 7th day of July next, in Jubilee chapel.

From this sample of efficiency we hope our friends will see and acknowledge the signal blessing of God on our humble endeavors to spread the light of the gospel, by means of a well-ordered college of religion and learning in the far west, where so lately roamed the savage and the wild beasts. From what has already been achieved, we hope for better and still better things to come. While other communions, less primitive and less pure than ours, are doing so much to christianize the heathen, and to keep the religious world from deteriorating into worse than heathenish darkness, shall the Protestant Episcopal Church be an exception to all others in works of pious benevolence? Shall those of her institutions languish for want of support, which have proved their claims to respect by successful though painful perseverance in the ways of well-doing? Let there be granted us, then, what we think ourselves entitled to ask without dread of a refusal, means to erect additional buildings commensurate to our necessities, and wherewithal to support pious beneficiaries, hereafter to become ministers and preachers of the blessed gospel, and who can estimate the amount of good they will do, or count the number of the souls they may be the means of saving from the flood of ignorance and vice which is pouring into the Valley of the Mississippi!

We ask for assistance to no ephemeral project, got up to cherish old errors, or to give birth to new schemes of dividing still further the already sadly divided numbers of professing Christians. On the contrary, we hope to be supported while we keep the even tenor of our way, "in the old paths" of primitive truth and order, those which our Fathers trod in the Reformation, revealed unto them by the light of the Word of God, the Holy Bible, which they caused to be translated for the benefit of Christendom.

In this path your Bishop has, by divine aid, been sustained to

walk for nearly a half of a century ; and, though his strength is too evidently brought down in his journey of life, and his days soon to be shortened, yet to the eye of faith there is clearly exhibited a glorious vista, reaching still farther to the setting sun.

BRETHREN : When we last met in Galena, this parish in Alton was in a state of great depression. No ministers to be had, the members of the flock were scattered, and its friends, from various causes, much disheartened. Now, it is otherwise.—The good God has sent them a pastor of no common merit in the Rev. Mr. McMasters, and the sheep and the lambs are fed according to the will and word of the Heavenly Shepherd.

Again : It would augment our praise to the divine goodness were I to speak of the cheering hope that the little parish in the lovely village of Pittsfield, Pike county, is about to rear its head from a state of destitution bordering on despair to hope of better things.

By an amiable christian lady, the grand-daughter of the late Sargent Sellon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, I was requested to correspond with her relatives and friends in England on the subject of the depressed condition of the Episcopal communion in that place, and of her desire of enjoying the regular ordinances of religion. This request I attempted to fulfil, and the result is a reasonable expectation, from the christian character and high standing of the persons addressed, as well as from their friendly responses, that there will be sufficient aid afforded to build a decent church in Pittsfield, Illinois.

Nothing is wanting but the blessing of God on these bright prospects, and a promise from the Missionary Society to maintain a faithful laborer in this village and vicinity, to make this lady's heart and that of many others leap for joy for the means of salvation to many souls.

In the instance before us we see what may be effected by the untiring zeal of a virtuous and enlightened mind, accompanied with a meek and quiet spirit, in the gloomiest moments seeking the aid and direction of the Holy Spirit, through faith in the mercies of the Redcemer of men. May all such, though torn from the bosom of their mother country, and thrown by a providential hand among discordant sects in a foreign land, never de-

spair. If they remain faithful, and pray fervently to the God of their Fathers they will not be neglected. Their Redeemer will visit them, as he did the children of Israel in their affliction, and cause the walls of his Zion to be built. The streams by the side of which they mourn may be muddy, and the willows on which they hang their harps may wither, yet, if they sing continually the songs of faith in the promises, the God of mercy will hear their cry, and their prayer shall *not* return unto their bosom void of a gracious answer.

On my way home from Alton, I was met on the banks of the Illinois river by Mr. Grimshaw, the husband of the lady just mentioned. This kind gentleman took us, myself and dear wife, to his hospitable dwelling in Pittsfield. Here, on Sunday the 9th day of July, I preached, confirmed several, and administered the Holy Communion of the Supper of our Lord. The Rev. Robert J. Walker, by appointment, met and assisted me in the sacred services. In the absence of a church, this duty was performed in the *courthouse*, where prisoners are arraigned and tried for their crimes. Yet we trust God's Spirit was with us, and comforted our hearts, especially with the fond hope that this parish will soon see brighter days.

I was much indisposed, yet we all went with the kind gentleman mentioned, in two days, through the wild wood to Rushville. Here, though suffering with a fever, I preached and administered the apostolic rite of confirmation. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. R. J. Walker, and it refreshed my soul to behold the evident fruits of his labors. He is the pastor of this flock, as he also is of that at Beardstown some ten miles distant on the Illinois river. These parishes had been for a long time much depressed, but now are in a flourishing condition. In Rushville they have a church, but in Beardstown none, except the *court house* — a chilling reflection! Other denominations build, but our Church, wealthy as are her members, must see her children worship in court houses and log cabins. Be it so. We are assured we shall at last all lie together in a cold grave. God grant it may be, through faith in Him who was born in a stable, and bled on the cross, "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life."

I know not how I reached home; for the fever which was on me for many days, caused the retrospect to appear like a dream. One thing I remember,—my gratitude to God on my recovery from a bed of long sickness. As soon as this began to appear, I was again on my way to Chicago. How sweet the green prairies appeared; and the cultivated fields, yellow as the morning sun, with the ripening harvest! Had I then known the approaching sufferings of famished Europe, I should have had an additional reason for grateful praise to the Author of all goodness, who, in the sufferings of one country, maketh other countries to be more like Him in acts of beneficence; thus binding those together in love, who so lately were on the verge of war and bloodshed. For a verification of this remark, I refer you to the late excellent letter of the truly noble Lord Palmerston.

We come now to Chicago, so lately as when I was in St. Joseph's country, in 1832, reported unto me a mere fort with mud ramparts, under which were a few huts of Indian traders — the scenes of war, the tomahawk and scalping knife; now the greatest city in the Diocese.

In St. James' Church, I saw a people united in love and peace; enjoying the blessings of the gospel, their numbers increasing; the fruits of faith evident in maintaining their devoted pastor, who is leading them to the Fountain of living waters, to drink freely, without money and without price.

Others of this populous city, seeing their good works, glorify a common Father, who is heaven.

By these means the seeds of divine truth are sown broad cast in the hearts of thousands; so that never was there a time in this place when the Church was more flourishing. The very evils which the enemy of all goodness for so long a period had thrown in the way of the faithful to obstruct, have been overruled for the furtherance of the gospel; and there is good reason now to expect that many churches will arise in Chicago to follow the good example set them by St. James' Parish.

I confirmed, preached, and administered the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in this church on th day of August, 1846.

Another subject of grateful praise to Divine goodness is that

the parish at Little Fort on Lake Michigan has at length, after many efforts to obtain a regular clergyman, been supplied by the services of the Rev. Wm. Allanson, who with my approbation has changed his missionary station from Fox river to that of Little Fort. The families of Episcopalians on Des Plaines river have reason to rejoice that this worthy minister can now extend his labors to them a portion of his time.

The mission at Belvidere and Rockford, on the lovely waters of Rock river, live in the prayers of all who know their destitute condition, since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Louderback to Galena, made vacant by the transfer of the Rev. Mr. Depui to Bishop Kemper's jurisdiction.

There are two circumstances which give rise to sympathies of no ordinary character, in contemplating the parish of Rockford. The one, which relates to a widowed English mother, who has a son at Jubilee college; the other is an afflicted family, who have a son now nearly of age, lately at the same institution, studying for the sacred ministry, but now returned to his parents, on account of his having been, by means unknown, deprived of the use of his eyes. So ardently is he desirous to obtain holy orders to preach the holy gospel, that his friends have been induced to address benevolent Christians in New York on the subject of procuring books for him to study, as the canons require. This appeal having been successful, his crippled parents and well educated sister are now reading to him in their lonely cabin; so that there are reasonable hopes that the mind of young Weldon will be imbued with all necessary learning to keep up with his class in college, and, in due time, be ordained.

How affecting the thought suggested by this mysterious providence of God, who often brings the greatest *spiritual good* out of the greatest *natural evil*. What more afflicting than the loss of our natural vision? and what more heart-cheering, as in this case, than the fact that they who are deprived of the use of their bodily eyes are, by grace, made to see the wonders of redemption, and (what is still more) desire to have it given unto them from above to preach the glorious gospel to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of spir-

itual death. Surely the Divine hand is in all this. "O therefore let us praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men."

The whole family are most attached to our primitive communion and live within a few miles of Rockford.

Not far from them resides the widowed mother of the other student in Jubilee college. This interesting youth is supported by friends in England, among whom are the names of the Lord Bishop of Ripon and his worthy presbyter, the Rev. Thos. Holmes, near Killerton, Yorkshire. By what tender bonds are Christians united! The person who addresses you, in his visits to England was blamed for asking assistance in founding christian colleges in the west of America, from benevolent persons in a foreign land. Have not events proved this censure incorrect? What fellowship—what "*communion of saints*" has flowed from this interchange of national as well as individual benevolence! If they gave from pure christian kindness to build up institutions and christian learning in the Valley of the Mississippi; and if we of America are now called upon to give, in our turn, of the fruits of our fertile soil to feed the sufferers by famine in their land, where lies the ground for reasonable censure? God is the Disposer of events, and in no instance is his loving-kindness to man more manifest than in the means he uses to connect nations professing pure christianity together in acts of charity.

We were speaking of the destitute condition of the missionary station at Rockford, and Belvidere, and other places in that pleasant upper region of Rock river. Would that some one might be found among the shepherds of Israel able and willing to fill this station. The thought of abandoning it is inexpressibly painful. It is like relinquishing a garden having flowers, which though few, are of peculiar fragrance. May the God of mercy stir the heart of some able missionary to visit this station, and by preaching the true gospel, refresh the hearts of many now likely to droop and die.

The Rev. A. J. Warner is at Dixon, Grand de Tour, and adjoining places, performing the duty, I trust, of a faithful missionary. This gentleman is a graduate of Trinity college.

Hartford, Connecticut. Having studied theology in Jubilee college, he was ordained deacon, and placed as a missionary on Rock river and in places round about the town of Dixon. His ill health, long continued, prevented him from attending and being examined for presbyter's orders with his contemporaries. His restoration to health and usefulness is now a subject of gratitude. The want of his missionary stipend prevents his attendance on this Convention.

I learn with great pleasure that the good people of Galena are in progress of building a substantial church. In going to the Convention last year, I stopped to obtain passage up the Mississippi at Rock Island, a town of considerable importance near the mouth of Rock river. In this place, when first in the Diocese, I spent some time in visiting and ministering to the sick, and in endeavoring, by preaching and performing public service, to engage the attention of the people to encourage the Church. But the enterprise failed for want of a minister to leave with them. The opportunity afforded me in passing through this town again was improved by making inquiry into their affairs. The result was a deep impression on my mind that a pious and talented clergyman of the Church, if supported in part for a few years by the Missionary Society, would be most creditably received and rewarded by a divine blessing on his labors. But where shall such help be found? As in countless instances of a similar nature in Illinois, we almost despair of a favorable answer.

There are no efforts making to fix an abiding place for a missionary of our Church at Oquawka, on the Mississippi, where the road crosses from Peoria, Ill., to Burlington, in Iowa. A considerable portion of the site on which this town is built, belongs to a Rev. presbyter of the Episcopal Church, living in the Atlantic states. This worthy gentleman paid Illinois a visit some two years since, and expressed sympathy for us, by reason of our destitute condition. Other property which he owns in the state, and especially in the neighborhood of Jubilee college, and lying near the stone church lately erected in Brimfield, being greatly enhanced in value, it is hoped his kind intentions to help us may revive. Others of our Church, both

clerical and lay gentlemen, stand in the same relation to us, having purchased at government prices largely of our lands, which are now fast rising in value. Will their contributions rise also? And will these amount to a *tithe* of their profits, for the good of Christ's Church? If so, our condition will be no longer depressed. Our mother, the Church, would once more put on her beautiful garments throughout the Diocese.

At Warsaw, on the Mississippi, is a parish of great promise, having been the object of many endeavors and of fervent prayer. I witnessed, on my return from the Convention, their earnest desire for the labors of a stated missionary. I preached the word unto them, held a confirmation, and administered the Holy Supper of the Lord. The offerings were delivered by me into the hands of the Rev. Mr. Giddinge, to purchase decent vessels for the Holy Communion. Since that time I have endeavored to serve them, by sending the Rev. James Bentley soon after his ordination to the deaconate at Jubilee college. By the little funds raised by the Diocesan Missionary Society, Mr. Bentley's expenses are paid till something better can be done by the parish.

The next place I visited was Quincy. Here I preached and administered confirmation. No preparations were made for the administration of the Lord's Supper. The congregation seemed attached to their clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Giddinge, who, having requested and obtained letters of transfer to another Diocese, has since returned them, and informed me that his people at Quincy had expressed such an earnest desire that he would stay with them, that he had concluded to remain.

In returning from Chicago, last August, I visited Joliet and Lockport on the Illinois canal. The death of their excellent pastor, the Rev. Wm. Bostwick, as mentioned in my last year's address, left them sadly destitute. The ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Todd, who succeeded in the station, had just begun to wipe away their tears, when he left them to mourn afresh, by his removal to the Diocese of Vermont.

After many days, the Rev. Danl. E. Brown, being transferred from Michigan with clean papers, has consented to settle among them. Let this servant of the Lord be duly esteemed

by the Missionary Society, and the christian public rightly estimate the importance of the double station which he occupies, and I have little doubt of signal success to his labors. A church in Joliet will doubtless be built, as in Lockport, and being only four miles apart, with the aid of a lay reader, no Sunday or other festival of the Church need be neglected in either parish.

From Lockport I proceeded to the Fox river. The Rev. Mr. Wm. Allanson was then at Batavia, and presented a small number, whom I *confirmed* by "*laying on of hands.*" I was assisted in the service by this worthy clergyman, and preached a sermon.

I should more deeply regret Mr. Allanson's removal from the station on Fox river, had I not succeeded in persuading the Rev. Erastus De Wolf to supply it by his services, at least for the present. He and his good family reside at some distance, but his health is firm and his zeal appears enlivened in the service of his Master. Of the truth of this remark I am impressed by a visit he lately paid me at Jubilee.

From Batavia I struck across the country towards my home. My weakness of body would not allow me in passing to visit the settlements in Bureau county. Among them is *Erindale*, a lovely neighborhood, so named by reason of its containing a cluster of families of Irish Protestants, who, with some donations made by friends in their mother country, are trying to build a church.

It has been some time since I visited Ottawa, among the most promising towns on the Illinois canal. It is situated at the junction of the Fox and Illinois rivers. The Rev. C. V. Kelley officiates there and in neighboring places. His pious zeal and distinguished abilities as a preacher of the gospel command my respect, and his endeavors to found a church worthy of that rising city meet my entire approbation. It is understood that he go from this Convention on his way to the East, to solicit of his friends funds to enable him to accomplish so desirable an object. May the blessings from on High attend his every movement. His report will doubtless give satisfaction to this Convention.

In Woodford county, there is a parish lately organized, and

a church in progress of erection in the village of Metamora. Some donations from Boston, Mass., together with that of several lots for building in the infant town, have been contributed for the maintenance of a clergyman by a benevolent gentleman in Jacksonville, Ills. The whole exhibits a work of great promise for the good of the church of Christ. The Rev. J. S. Chamberliane visits this parish.

At Tremont, I am soon to consecrate to the worship of Almighty God, a neat and well-proportioned building, erected within a few months past, much to the credit of the parish. Here the same Rev. gentleman has held stated services, and preached to full audiences. The comforts of this parish being now much increased, it is hoped that the spiritual benefits will appear in proportion. Borrowed places of worship and the use of "the court house" had well nigh depressed the friends of the Church even to despair. But the good God hath looked on them in their affliction, and they are rejoicing.

And what shall we say of Peoria? Indeed, I know not what. The county contains more communicants at the Lord's Table than any other two together in the state, save that in which the city of Chicago is situate.

There are four churches in this county, all well supplied with clergymen and devout worshippers. But the city of Peoria has no Church, while all other denominations have. A kind and most benevolent friend in New York has given money to purchase a lot on Main street, admired by all for its eligibility and growing value. Some efforts were lately made by drawing plans and making proposals worthy of so beautiful and populous a city. But alas! the money-making and money-possessing citizens belong to other denominations; and the Episcopalians, though by no means wanting in respectability of Christian character, are too poor to encounter the expense of the enterprize. The greatest hindrance is the strange opinion of the ability in the Bishop to build the church himself, all alone. From the wealth which passes through *his* hands, and necessarily concentrates itself, as in a kind of channel, in Peoria, the inhabitants have supposed he could build churches as well as colleges from (as they opine) his own resources. I would not

mind this opinion, erroneous as it is, if it could have its lawful effect, in making the citizens give even a small proportion of their gains by the Episcopal college, to support the Episcopal Church in their own city. But the sentiment operates in another direction. The college is *located in the county*, and going on prosperously; money is stirring by reason of goods, and company and students going to Jubilee; and farms are rising all around in prices,—so that every one is benefitted more or less; but little thoughts are entertained of benefitting the Church, whose benevolent bosom has, by the grace of God, caused so much of worldly wealth, not to speak of spiritual blessings, to be thrown around them. This state of things, we hope, will soon change for the better. A gentleman in deacon's orders is directed to minister among them half the time. By these means the gospel will be truly preached, even if it be in the "*court house*." The heart, by nature sinful, and made still more so by the idolatrous love of money, will be laid open, showing its deformity in the sight of God; the love of Christ in pardoning sinners will be displayed; prayers will be made continually that the Holy Spirit would work in the heart true repentance, leading all to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live righteously, soberly, and godly in the world. This, we trust, will be done, and a door of mercy through Jesus Christ, will be opened to the inhabitants of Peoria, hitherto but little thought of. We can say, and say truly, "Silver and gold of our own we have none to give, but such as we have we give unto you,"—the gospel of salvation to penitent sinners.

At Jacksonville they were for a long period after the good Mr. Batchelder left them, in a depressed condition. Having of late repaired their church, the first built in the Diocese, I requested the Rev. J. T. Worthington to visit them as a missionary from our Diocesan Society. But his health for a time almost entirely failing him, he has been able but partially to fill their pulpit. Since here, I am informed he has agreed to be fixed permanently in Jacksonville, and to visit for the present in Pittsfield and Waverly.

The Rev. Joseph L. Darrow is still a missionary at Collinsville and Edwardsville, in the county of Madison. By his

praiseworthy exertions, some years since, a church in each of these places was built. That at Collingsville was consecrated; the one at Edwardsville waits to be freed from a small debt, in order for consecration.

St. John's Church, Albion, in Edwards county, is again vacant by the transfer of Rev. Mr. Hutchins to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The people of that parish express their earnest wishes for a clergyman, and the Rev. G. P. Comings, from Jubilee college, is now on his way to supply their wants, I hope to their great satisfaction. They have a flourishing Sunday school and a neat brick church with a bell and handsome enclosure, and are out of debt: on all which mercies from on High I cannot reflect but with grateful sentiments towards that excellent lay gentleman, Henry I. Hutchins, Esq., by whose instrumentality, as I am informed, nearly all these good things have been procured to St. John's Church.

Nearly west from Albion there is a region of most fertile country, interspersed with families belonging to our primitive communion. I have, when in better health, visited them and witnessed their fidelity and ardent wishes for the ordinances of the Church. They are ministered unto by the Rev. William Mitchell, who, being chiefly resident at Chester and vicinity, can see them only when performing his duty as an itinerant missioary. At the last place he is endeavoring to build a church, and for this purpose, has made his appeal to the Eastern cities. Those who have helped him have my warmest thanks. Those who have turned a deaf ear to his reasonable request in behalf of famishing thousands in the great spreading south of the Diocese of Illinois, must settle their account at the great day. There is money enough in our favored country, to cause the means of true religion to keep pace with the settlements westward; and the Great Master of the household, who hath committed it to his *stewards*, the wealthy men of our country, will sooner or later inquire into the manner and purposes of its expenditure, whether for their own indulgence or for His glory.

The Rev. John Sellwood, by his pious example and faithful preaching, has been the instrument of great good to the Church

of God, in Mendon, Adams county. There he has been for years, contending with prejudices and difficulties, and in silence and singleness of heart maintained himself and widowed mother, till he has won the prize of a good name among all true Christians. When the few books with which he set off on this difficult journey were all read over, he has been, for the want of others, obliged to read them over again. He tells me that his congregations of hearers have been of late much greater than they had been in times past. The little church at Mendon has been full of attentive and affected hearers. What good signs are these of better things to come! The seed of the divine word has been sown. May it spring up, and in time bring forth a plentiful harvest! God, I trust, loves this man for Jesus' sake. He certainly has the prayers of his unworthy Bishop.

You perceive, gentlemen of this Convention, that my endeavor in this address has been to give as full a report, according to my time and ability, of the Diocese of Illinois, both as respects the clergy and the parishes. You observe, however, that I have said little of what immediately surrounds me, and of my own duties in Jubilee college. And shall these be omitted? While I profess to do justice to all others, shall the same rule be unobserved at home? Allow me, then, to bear testimony to the fidelity and enlightened zeal in the cause of Christ in those whom I have the great pleasure of seeing every day in the discharge of their respective duties.

The Rev. Richard Radley has been uniformly in the performance of his duties as missionary at Jones' Prairie or Lower Kickapoo, and in the village of the latter name in our immediate vicinity. In each of these, eight miles apart, is a neat and beautiful church—the former consecrated, and the latter nearly ready for that sacred service. Besides preaching in each of these and doing parochial duty in their vicinity, Mr. Radley has, at my request, performed other services of an arduous character at a distance, much to the acceptance of all.

My son, the Rev. Dudley Chase, when not on duty as an itinerant missionary in fulfilling his own appointments at a distance or in accompanying me and preaching for me in my ex-

tensive visitations, has been constantly employed, and in the discharge of the duties of teaching candidates for holy orders, in Jubilee college. To what good effect, let those judge, who have been the recipients of the benefits of his labors. His feeble frame and often sicknesses have suggested the necessity of relaxation from labor; and this was last summer indulged for a short time, in visiting his friends in Ohio,—but no longer than the preservation of life required. He returned in the autumn and resumed his arduous duties.

Of the Rev. S. Chase, who also is on the missionary list for a small amount of his services in the wide field of labor spread before us, I can speak most favorably: not for the information of this Convention, for they all know his worth, he being our seeretary and a member of the standing committee of the Diocese; but for the information of the General Missionary Society, and of the Church at large. The long series of years, during which we have been engaged and united together in the great work of promoting religion and learning in Illinois, evidences the sincerity with which I speak, and in speaking expressing my grateful acknowledgments to the Divine Goodness in giving me a coadjutor so worthy; in seeing him able and willing to preach the gospel, whether in the college chapel or in the neighboring parishes. Happy am I in my declining years, in beholding him, ever at his post of duty, and teaching and watching over the welfare of our dear pupils, and promoting the comforts of the beneficiaries and candidates for holy orders. Happy am I in the enjoyment of the benefits of his critical knowledge of the fiscal concerns of the college, and of his vigilance in all accounts of this great concern, in their minutest detail. Would that the institution were able to reward him as he deserves! For this we wait with prayerful anxiety.

It is my duty, by means of this public address, to report, not only what I have already done of my official services in the Diocese abroad, but my labors at home. Disabled as I have been, but few Sundays have passed, in which God hath not enabled me to preach once, and in some few instances, twice; and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in every month, and on all the principal festivals of the

Church. I have attended at the examinations of the candidates, and ordained such as were duly prepared for the ministry, as before related. Besides this, my days and nights have been consumed in overseeing all, and in corresponding on things pertaining to the kingdom of God, with benevolent persons, both at home and abroad, without which there is reason to believe the college would have sunk under her weighty difficulties.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY: In an address professing to abound with instances of mercy to our infant Diocese of Illinois, it may appear strange that the note of praise should be suddenly changed to that of sympathy. Yet our condition requires it if we would express the whole truth. You are suffering in your outward circumstances to a degree which few realize except those who witness it, and when the fact is felt that your sufferings are occasioned by breach of promises held up to view, in order to encourage men to prepare for the missionary work, there is a pang of a mixed character piercing the heart of your Bishop which he wants words to express. It concerns you first; it concerns your loved families; but above all, it concerns the moral character, the good faith of our beloved Church at large. This is saying all that I can say in your behalf. You feel—your families feel the want of many comforts, and some of you the want of the necessities of life. Would that our rich clergy and our many rich laymen, could feel their obligation to redeem the pledges of our whole Church in supply of your necessities!

The consolation attendant on your sufferings, is what man cannot give, and what man cannot take away—the consciousness that you are in the service of Him who, in giving his reasons for afflicting his ministers, joined a crown with a cross, in saying, “He is a chosen vessel unto me, for I will show him “what great things he must suffer for my name’s sake.” Go on, then, in preaching the same blessed gospel which the self-denying Paul preached, “Christ and him crucified,—unto the Jews “a stumbling-block, and to the Greeks foolishness; but to them “which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power “of God, and the wisdom of God.” Go on, and your weakness

will be made strength. Continue faithful to the end, and you have the promise, that whatever you suffer here, *henceforth* for you as well as for him there is laid up a crown of glory, in that blessed land "where the wicked cease from troubling, and "where the weary are at rest."

And now, my Brethren of the Laity, to you it is commended not only to rejoice in the Lord, that He hath caused the light of the gospel to shine upon you, and crowned you with many unexpected and undeserved mercies; but it also behoves you to be-think yourselves of the corresponding duties which they imply. "Let him that is taught in the word, minister unto him "that teacheth." Let the brethren of the laity who are present devise the ways and the means of supporting the gospel; and let this work extend to all the parishes and individuals in this Diocese. Let prayer be constant and fervent that all hearts may be touched with the importance and necessity of this *self-supporting work*, and the promises of God make us sure of a blessing. The ways of Zion will not mourn when every one clothes himself with zeal to do all in his power to promote the glory of God.

Signed,

PHILANDER CHASE,

Bishop of Illinois.

ADDENDA.

Since the Bishop took charge of the Diocese, he has ordained	15 persons,
(i. e.) To the Priesthood,	5
To the Deaconite,	7
To the Deaconite and Priesthood,	3
Consecrated churches,	9
Baptized infants,	209, the past year
Baptized adults,	13, " "
Confirmed,	495, " 25

APPENDIX B.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ALTON—ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—Rev. S. Y. McMASTERS.

The Church in this city has been open for divine service, twice every Lord's Day since the 26th of November last. The rector has baptized 1 infant and performed 1 marriage. 11 have been confirmed, and there are now 25 communicants. The Sunday-school has about 25 scholars, and is in quite a flourishing condition.

ALBION—ST. JOHN'S.

No Report.

BATAVIA—ST. PAUL'S.

No Report.

BEARDSTOWN—ST. ANDREW'S.—REV. R. J. WALKER.

Included in Report of Christ Church, Rushville.

CARROLTON—TRINITY.

No Report.

CHESTER—ST. MARK'S.—REV. W. MITCHELL.

Since the last annual convention of the Diocese of Illinois, I have officiated one fourth of the time in St. Mark's parish at Chester, and supplied Zion parish with occasional services. Also visited many destitute villages and other places, in doing which, I have traveled 4225 or more miles, within the bounds of my missionary field. Said prayers and preached 71 times; lectured 4 times; baptized 7 infants and 1 adult. Attended 2 funerals, solemnized 2 marriages, administered the Holy communion 8 times in my special field, and assisted 4 times in its administration out of its bounds. By the blessing of God, 7 communicants have been added to St. Mark's parish, and the present number is 18. An effort is making to erect a church, and the vestry have selected a beautiful lot, and a subscription has been opened to aid this noble object. We are also encouraged to hope that my appeals to eastern churchmen will enable us to go on with the building which is so much needed.

In Zion parish, 3 new communicants have been added, 2 removed, present number 12. I have several candidates waiting for confirmation. Our most earnest prayer to God is for a continuation of his blessing on our efforts to build up his holy church in this heretofore neglected portion of the west.

CHICAGO—ST. JAMES'—Rev. E. B. KELLOGG.

Baptisms, 35; confirmations, 13; marriages, 13; funerals, 14; communicants received by removal into the parish, 24; new, 11; total added, 35; removed, 13; whole number at present, 116. Average number of Sunday scholars in attendance, 120; teachers, 22.

The services at St. James', are now very well attended, both morning and evening, and much harmony prevails in our midst. A new Sunday school library, comprising 200 volumes, besides books of instruction, has been obtained. The Sunday school has greatly increased; the church has received some material repairs; and besides contributing liberally to various christian objects, the amount raised by the parish for missionary purposes, has far exceeded that of any previous year.

We would hope that all these are indications of true interest in the things of God, and a presage of spiritual blessings yet to come.

CHICAGO—TRINITY.

No Report.

COLLINSVILLE—CHRIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. L. DARROW.

Missionary at Collinsville and vicinity reports that since the last annual convention, he has been regularly officiating at his station, except one Sunday that he officiated in St. Louis, two in Chicago, and on one Sunday assisted the Rev. Mr. Dresser at Springfield. He has attended one funeral, celebrated one marriage, and baptized four infants. In Collinsville we have a Sunday school of more than thirty scholars. At the other two places there are union Sunday schools, which our children attend. At Collinsville there are services held by two other denominations at the same hour, the consequence of which is that our congregations are usually small. At Edwardsville they are better in respect of numbers, and at Marine they are very good. The debt of St. Andrew's church, Edwardsville, during the past year, has been much reduced; and it is hoped that it will be consecrated when the Bishop shall visit that place. There have been added to communion by removal, 2; new, 1; making 30 in the bounds of my station.

CORNISHVILLE—ST. JOHN'S.

No Report.

DIXON—ST. LUKE'S.—Rev. A. J. WARNER.

During the past year, a great portion of which has been occupied with my long illness, followed by a still longer period of precarious health, I have preached 32 sermons, traveled on missionary duty 392 miles besides attending convention, and officiated at baptisms 2, marriages 7, funerals 7.

Within the limits of my station there are, at Dixon 4 communicants, besides 2 now prepared to leave for the east, and 1 already lost by removal; at Elkhorn grove 2 communicants, 1 lost by discipline; at Sugar grove 3, at Sterling 6 communicants, 1 having been lost by death; and 2 candidates for confirmation.

EDWARDSVILLE—ST. ANDREW'S.—Rev. J. L. DARROW.

Included in Report of Christ Church, Collinsville.

ERINDALE—CHRIST.

See Report of Rev. Dudley Chase.

FARMINGTON—CALVARY.

No Report.

GALENA—GRACE.—Rev. ALFRED LOUDERBACK.

The present rector assumed the duties of the parish on the 1st of March last, since which time he has officiated regularly twice, and sometimes three times each Sunday. As he is visiting all the families, with a view to making out a regular register, he is not able, as yet, to report the exact number of communicants. The parish may be regarded as in a prosperous condition. The holy communion of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sunday of each month, and upon all the principal festivals. The ante-communion service is also regularly performed. The prospect for building a new church edifice is quite encouraging. A plan has been written for, and the work may be commenced the present season. Sunday school, 60 scholars and 11 teachers: children catechized.

GENEVA—ST. PAUL'S.

No Report.

GRAND DE TOUR—ST. PETER'S.—Rev. A. J. WARNER.

This parish was organized May 15, 1847. It now includes 44 members, 8 communicants, and 2 candidates for confirmation. The building of a church edifice by this parish is contemplated, and subscriptions are about to be raised for that purpose. Some aid is looked for from abroad, but we are willing to do to the utmost of our ability, before laying our wants, not to say claims, before the public.

JACKSONVILLE—TRINITY.—Rev. J. T. WORTHINGTON.

The present diocesan missionary at Trinity church, Jacksonville, and at St. Stephen's church, Pittsfield, reports that since his ordination in November last, he has been so much disabled by severe and oft-returning sickness, that he has been able to do but little in the duties of his office. His services have been principally performed at Jacksonville and Pittsfield.

The present condition of each of those churches calls for the warmest sympathies of the Church. Trinity church having been long closed for want of a pastor, and St. Stephens' not having at any time had a regular pastor, each parish has diminished in number; but the fidelity and piety of those who remain is sufficient ground on which to base hopes of the happiest results hereafter.

The missionary is informed that there are about 20 communicants in each parish.

JOLIET—CHRIST.

No Report.

KNOXVILLE—ST. JOHN'S.

Included in Report of Rev. D. Chase.

LOCKPORT—ST. JOHN'S.

No Report.

LITTLE FORT—CHRIST.—REV. WM. ALLANSON.

Your letter, containing \$50 for the purchase of a missionary horse, was received a few days ago. I have *twice* attempted an answer, but was compelled each time to lay aside my pen, not knowing what to say. To say that I am under infinite obligations to you, or that I am inexpressibly grateful, is saying something, I admit; still, if I know my own heart, it falls far short of what I *feel*. May that Being who has preserved you during so many years—years full of anxiety and toil—long continue to preserve you, and reward you, even in *this* world, a hundred fold. I hope that in a few days a suitable horse will be found, of which special care shall be taken; and I have the heartfelt gratification to inform you, that having lately sold the house and lot at Batavia, I have succeeded in freeing myself from pecuniary embarrassments, so that no one, save myself, will be likely to need the services of the horse. Although I was compelled to sell my old favorite beast, and saw no prospect, until the reception of your munificent gift, either immediate or remote, of being able to purchase another, yet I have not been unmindful of the spiritual interests of the good people at Libertyville and Mr. Rand's neighborhood. I have lately preached at both places, to large and attentive audiences; and being no longer compelled to hire a horse, which I found to be a somewhat expensive affair, I shall in future be enabled to give them more frequent services. I am, thank God, in good health, and constantly engaged; my field is large—God grant that it may be well cultivated, and yield abundance of fruit.

LOWER KICKAPOO—CHRIST.—REV. RICHARD RADLEY.

My services as the missionary at this station, during the past year, have been given chiefly to the congregations at upper and lower Kickapoo, (nine miles distant.) When in health and not engaged in missionary duty elsewhere, I have officiated once in each place every Lord's Day—in all 84 times.

On three Sundays my services have been suspended in consequence of illness. Baptisms, adult 3, infant 9—total 12; marriages, 3; burials, 10; communicants, added 4, died 1, removed 2, present number 17; Sunday scholars, 36; teachers, 4. Hitherto, one-half of the church at Lower Kickapoo has been fitted up with temporary seats, but now I have the happiness to state, that through the instrumentality of a pious lady belonging to that congregation, sufficient funds have been collected in Old England for the completion of the whole. The works will go forward as soon as suitable workmen can be procured. In regard to the completion of the church at Upper Kickapoo, there is cause for regret that it has made no advances for the last six months; but this must not be attributed to any want of zeal in the congregation, but to their entire inability for further pecuniary efforts for the present.

At the request of my Diocesan, I have visited the following places, viz. Lewis-ton, Rushville, Beardstown, Tremont, Farm Creek, Metamora, Magnolia, Erindale, Providence and Wyoming; real prayers and preached 26 times; baptized 3 infants, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 34 persons, members of our beloved Church.

The congregations which are the especial objects of my spiritual charge have, during the past year, by the blessing of God, increased in numbers and, it is hoped, in real piety.

And I am truly thankful to say, that the services and ordinances of the Church have, in all cases been received with respect and apparent gratitude.

MENDON—ZION.—REV. JOHN SELLWOOD.

Baptisms, 4 infants, of which one was in Pittsfield and one in Atlas, Pike county; marriage, 1; burial, 1; communicants, 15; no change has taken place in the number of communicants since last Convention. In the allwise providence of God I have had to labor in His vineyard under various discouraging circumstances.

I have visited and held church services 11 times in the following places,—Chili, Barry, Pittsfield and Atlas.

METAMORA—CHRIST CHURCH.—REV. J. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

Since my ordination on the 7th March last past, I have been in the performance of the duties of the mission to which you appointed me, soon after that time. I have preached regularly on alternate Sundays at Tremont and Peoria, and on each other Monday at Metamora; these three places being the county seats of as many neighboring counties. Average weekly travel, 55 miles. The services are well received, and, judging from the respectable and rapidly increasing congregations which I find, not likely to be without fruit. Of this, however, the short time of my engagements in these places, makes my opinion of little value. In the mean time I am, however, much encouraged.

OTTAWA—CHRIST CHURCH.—REV. C. V. KELLY.

Since my last report, (which was not received in time for publication in Journal,) I have continued to officiate regularly at Ottawa, twice every Sunday, and also on alternate Sundays at Farm Ridge and Peru; the former 12, the latter 16 miles distant. Also at Georgetown occasionally. The congregation at Ottawa has suffered much by many of the male attendants having volunteered, and others having left the country for other places. We are also without a church edifice, and are compelled to assemble in the court house; and even this we have not always been able to obtain. Exertions are now making to procure funds, and the missionary has reason to hope that before the close of another year an edifice will be erected, wherein to worship God. The church at Farm Ridge is in a good and prosperous condition. I have lately organized a parish in Peru. The necessary papers have been handed to the secretary of this Convention. Baptisms, 6; deaths, 2; marriages, 6. Present number of communicants, 20.

PALESTINE GROVE—CHRIST CHURCH.

No Report.

PITTSFIELD—ST. STEPHEN'S.

Included in Report of Christ Church, Jacksonville.

QUINCY—ST. JOHN'S.—REV. G. P. GIDDINGE.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 14; confirmed, (one of St. John's Church, Warsaw,) 7; communicants, reported 89, deaths 2, removed 10, additions 24—total 101; burials, adults 4, children 3; marriages, 6; Sunday school teachers 8, scholars about 50; books, 350 to 400. Moneys raised, for three town lots, selected as the site of a new church and parsonage, \$500; for Sunday school, about \$15; for lamps for the pulpit, \$10; missions within the Diocese, \$7—which will be increased somewhat, perhaps to \$20. A small but sweet-toned organ has also been procured and partly paid for.

The attendance at divine service and the strength of the parish, though under existing circumstances they cannot much improve, continue undiminished. The pews rented this season better than ever before, and more than one-third of our communicants depend for a seat on the courtesy of their more favored brethren. We feel more and more the want of a larger and more commodious house of worship; nor can the Church ever prosper in this city, till it has been obtained. But we are not without hopes of ere long enjoying this great object of our desire. A donation of sixty dollars has been received from St. Philip's Church, Philadelphia—the *first fruits*, we hope to be followed by a *plentiful harvest*—to procure material for the building. If this is done, a single individual will contract for the foundation, and the people of the parish must lift up the walls. May God bless the work.

The undersigned would also add that he has officiated every Lord's Day but one—though sometimes from home—and generally on the festival days, and more frequently during the season of Lent. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper

he has administered thirteen times in public and three times in private to the sick. He would add that very unexpectedly to himself, he has been almost unanimously elected to the permanent rectorship of the parish, and has conditionally accepted the invitation.

I have occasionally visited St. John's Church, Warsaw, since the last Convention. I have there baptized two adults and three children. Two adults and two children were baptized by Rev. Mr. Sill of Missouri. Twelve have been confirmed, and there are now several candidates to be confirmed when occasion offers. But as they have a pastor in charge, the present state of the parish will be reported by him.

ROBIN'S NEST—CHRIST CHURCH.—REV. S. CHASE.

Baptisms, infants 5; confirmations, 4; number of communicants reported last Convention, 93; added by removal 2, new 4, lost by removal 4, present number 95.

Services have been regularly celebrated in the chapel of Jubilee college on every Sunday, and on the principal festivals and fasts of the Church. The Holy Communion has been administered, during the past year, 17 times.

Daily morning and evening prayers have also been attended in the chapel of the college, and the students instructed on each Sunday morning in the gospel and epistle for the day, and in the evening in the collect.

The attendance upon services have generally been encouraging; the students of the college, especially, are to be commended for their punctuality and devotion.

RUSHVILLE—CHRIST CHURCH.—REV. R. J. WALKER.

The missionary of this station reports that during the past year he has preached 115 times, administered the Holy Communion 6 times, baptized 19 children and 2 adults, solemnized 5 marriages, officiated at 7 burials, and traveled 1,636 miles in the performance of missionary duty. The present number of communicants is 34, being an increase of 9 during the year. Of these nine, several are English and Irish Episcopalians, who had wandered from the fold of the Church, but have been restored to her communion through God's blessing on the missionary's labors.

The services are well attended, the church at Rushville and the court house at Beardstown being frequently filled with attentive hearers. Much prejudice has been allayed. Great seriousness has been manifested during the ministration of the word and sacraments. The Lord's presence has been vouchsafed to us. The hearts of many have been deeply affected, and the missionary has often been led to thank God, take courage and go on his way rejoicing.

SPRINGFIELD—ST. PAUL'S.—REV. C. DRESSER.

The statistics of this parish for the past year are as follows: communicants added by removal, 4; new 4, lost by removal 4, present number in the county, 40; baptisms, of adults 1, (by the Bishop,) children 6; confirmed, 6; marriage solemnized, 1; funerals, 6. The church reported as in progress of erection at the last convention, has not been completed. That at Waverly has been so far completed as to admit of its being used. On Whitsunday it was opened for divine service, and the Holy Communion administered.

TREMONT—CHRIST CHURCH.

Included in Report of Christ Church, Metamora.

VERGENNES—ZION.

No Report.

WARSAW—ST. PAUL'S.—REV. J. BENTLEY.

Shortly after receiving deacon's orders, which took place on the 2d May last, in the chapel of Jubilee college, I set out, in compliance with the wishes of my Diocesan, to perform missionary duty at this place and vicinity until convention. I arrived on the 7th inst., and since that time have been officiating as often as health permitted, to generally good congregations. The house temporarily occupied by the Episcopalians for worship, has been open every Lord's Day except one since my arrival. At this place, I have preached five times, and officiated at one funeral. Here there are 12 communicants, and 3 persons desirous of confirmation.

I also visited Carthage and Nauvoo, and preached to large audiences. At Carthage there are 3 communicants, but at Nauvoo I found none. At the former place I baptized one infant.

REPORT OF REV. DUDLEY CHASE.

Dudley Chase reports to the Bishop that he was absent from the Diocese most of last fall, on account of ill health. Preached during that time, 14 times.

He has officiated during the winter and spring at Brimfield, 21 Sundays, at Knoxville 2, at Cherry grove 1, at Erindale 1. He also attended the Bishop on his visit to Springfield, preaching once in that place and once in Tremont. He has preached 3 times in Jubilee chapel; once on the occasion of an ordination, and several other times he has assisted in divine service.

At Knoxville the communicants are 12. A good congregation can always be assembled when the services of the Episcopal church are held, but a house cannot be stately had.

The parish of Christ Church, Erindale and vicinity, was organized by Bishop Chase, in 1845; but the original document of association being lost, they requested to be re-organized, with a view of uniting with this convention. This duty I performed by the direction of the Bishop, and preached there on Sunday, the 13th inst., to a full house of attentive hearers. The number of those who are nominally communicants of the church in this parish is 30.

Two persons stand ready to fulfil a promise made to Bishop Chase, two years since, that they would give forty acres of land, being of a good quality, and a beautiful and convenient site for a church. One of those gentlemen made application to his friends and countrymen in Ireland for means to aid in the erection of a house of worship. The result was £70, deposited in bank, but owing to the distress in that country it has received no further additions, as expected.

At Brimfield the attention to the subject of religion has increased, and though great efforts have been made by "protracted meetings" to divert the attention of persons beginning to be attached to the Episcopal church, yet we trust the Lord hath added to the church a few, who have good hope through grace of being saved.

I have baptized at this place 5 adults; confirmations, 9; communicants at last report, 12; added, new 8, by removal 3; lost, by removal 4, by death 1, by discipline 1; present number, 17. Administered the communion 4 times; offerings, \$9 40. An individual of this parish has given \$5 to the Missionary Association. The Sunday school continues good, although a division of scholars has been made by the formation of another school. Scholars 40, teachers 6.

REPORT OF REV. E. DE WOLF.

The undersigned would respectfully report to the convention: Since the last meeting of this body, by the blessing of God he has been enabled to celebrate divine service and preach nearly every Sabbath. It has been his part, under the direction of the Bishop, to visit various places, preaching the gospel to the dispersed sheep of Christ's fold. In every place do we hear the same cry, "When can we be supplied with the stated ministration of God's word and ordinances?" "Behold the fields are white unto the harvest. The haryest is plenteous, but the laborers few." Never was this declaration of our Lord more emphatically true, than of the missionary field of Illinois. Your humble servant has preached in the following places: Carroll county, 2 Sabbaths; Elkhorn grove, 2 Sabbaths; Bureau county, 3 Sabbaths; Kane county, 2 Sabbaths. The remainder of the year, I have been devoted to the missionary work in Lee county, and principally for Christ church, Palestine grove. Baptisms, infants 4; marriages, 1; burials, 2.

REPORT OF REV. G. P. COMINGS, MISSIONARY.

I was ordained the 2d of May, and have since remained at Jubilee. By reason of ill health, I have preached only four times, twice at Jubilce and twice at Brimfield.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

LOCATION.	NAME OF CHURCH.	Bap is as.	Confirmations.	Communi- cants.
Alton,	St. Paul's Church,	1		25
Albion,	St. John's,		11	24
Batavia,	St. Paul's,			39
Beardstown,	St. Andrew's,			
Carrolton,*	Trinity,			
Chester,	St. Mark's,	8		18
Chicago,	St. James',	35	13	116
Chicago,	Trinity,			89
Collinsville,	Christ,	4		20
Cornishville,*	St. John's,			
Dixon,	St. Luke's,	2		6
Edwardsville,	St. Andrew's,			
Erindale,	Christ,			30
Farmington,	Calvary,			
Galena,	Grace,			105
Geneva,	St. Paul's,			
Grand de Tour,	St. Peter's,			8
Jacksonville,	Trinity,			20
Joliet,	Christ,			37
Knoxville,*	St. John's,			12
Lockport,	St. John's,			
Little Fort,	Christ,			
Lower Kickapoo,	Christ,	12		17
Mendon,	Zion,	4		15
Metamora,	Christ,			
Ottawa,	Christ,			28
Palestine Grove,	Christ,			
Pittsfield,	(No report.)	6		
Quincy,	St. Stephen's,			12
Robin's Nest,	St. John's,	17	7	101
Rushville,	Christ,	5	4	95
Springfield,	Christ,		21	34
Tremont,	St. Paul's,			
Vergennes,	Christ,	7	6	40
Warsaw,	Zion,			
	St. Paul's,			12

*Not admitted into union with the Convention.

APPENDIX C.

The Diocesan Missionary Association assembled immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention.

The committee, to whom, at the previous meeting, the subject of "rules of order and mode of operations" had been referred, reported that they had been unable to accomplish their objects, and recommended that the resolution of last meeting, constituting the Bishop and clerical members of the Association residing in Peoria county an executive committee, be renewed for the ensuing year; and begged to be discharged.

Which report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The following report from the treasurer of the Association was then read:

SAMUEL CHASE, IN ACCOUNT WITH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

	Cr.	Dr.
1846.		
To Ebenezer Moore, \$10; Rev. S. Chase, \$10;	20 00	
" S. Marsh, \$5; Rev. C. Dresser, \$15 60;	20 60	
" F. Webster, \$5; St. John's church, Albion, \$3;	8 00	
" Anonymous, (in a letter from Roxbury, Mass.,)	20 00	
" Bishop Chase, \$20 00; Rev. D. Chase, \$10;	30 00	
" James L. Riggs, \$5; Mrs. Mary Moss, \$5;	10 00	
" <i>Balance advanced by Bishop Chase,</i>		11 40
1847. By cash paid Rev. Mr. Bentley,	20 00	
" " " " Worthington,	100 00	

	\$120 00	120 00

Pledged, but not paid in.

By J. Rogers, \$10;* J. H. Kinzie, \$10; Rev. E. B. Kellogg, \$10;* 30 00	
" Ladies' So'y St. James, \$10;* Rev. J. F. Worthington, \$10;* 20 00	
" Rev. R. Radley, \$10; Rev. E. De Wolf, \$10;* 20 00	
" Rev. A. J. Warner, \$5; Grace Church, Galena, \$25; 30 00	

Appropriated, but not paid.

To Rev. Mr. Bentley, \$28 60; Rev. Mr. Chamberlaine, \$60;	88 60
" Balance due Bishop Chase, \$11 40;	11 40

\$100 00 100 00

SAMUEL CHASE, for T. L. BENNETT,
Treasurer for Missionary Association.

June 9, 1847.

*Since paid.

The following resolutions were then offered, and after several spirited addresses from both clerical and lay members, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the friends of the church in this Diocese, both at home and abroad, be earnestly requested to contribute of their means to enable the Bishop to carry into effect the objects of this Association.

Resolved, That all, clergy and laity, become active agents in promoting the interest of the Association, and send to the Bishop lists of names of all to whom he may send any publication relative to the same.

The following sums were then pledged for the objects of the Association:

Bishop Chase,	\$20 00	Rev. C. V. Kelley,	\$10 00
Rev. C. Dresser,	10 00	" D. Chase,	10 00
" S. Chase,	10 00	" E. De Wolf,	10 00
" J. L. Darrow,	3 00	" S. D. McMasters,	10 00
" R. J. Walker,	10 00	" J. F. Worthington,	15 00
" R. Radley,	10 00	" Louderback,	15 00
Mr. J. L. Riggs,	5 00	Mr. J. Bailhache,	(paid) 5 00
" J. T. Milling,	5 00	" G. T. Wall,	(paid) 1 00
" D. B. Tuthill,	1 00	" B. G. Boots,	(paid) 1 00
Mr. H. G. Long,	5 00	" Benjamin Tucker,	5 00

BISHOP CHASE,

IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

	Cr.	Dr.
1846.		
Oct. 1. To balance unexpended, and several payments, acknowledged January 30, 1847,	1001 15	
1847.		
Jan'y. To Miss Shelton, \$25; Rev. Mr. Peterkin, \$25;	50 00	
Feb'y. " Mrs. Banyer, \$50; Rev. Dr. Cutler, Brooklyn, \$100;	150 00	
March. " St. Thomas' church, New York, \$100; St. Andrew's, Philadelphia, \$50;	150 00	
Feb'y. " Miss Ann Chase, Balt., \$50; Dr. Bedell, N. Y., \$150;	200 00	
May. " Mrs. Sloter, Pautucket, \$100;	100 00	
Oct. 1. By 24 beneficiaries for the year ending October 1, 1847,		
amounting to 21 1-2 entire years, at \$100 each,	2150 00	
" deficit on above, not paid in advance,	215 00	
" amount of incidental expenses for books, clothing,		
&c., the bills for which remain unpaid,	661 23	
" interest on \$330 of above for 1 year at 6 per cent.,	19 80	
To balance,	1384 88	
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The above accounts show a deficiency in the Scholarship Fund of \$1,384 88, for the year ending October 1st, 1847.

SAMUEL CHASE.

NOTICE.

The next annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, will be held in *Jacksonville, Morgan county*, on the first Monday (the 19th) after the 15th of June, 1848.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Secr'y of Convention.

NOTICE.

The session for 1847-8 in Jubilee College, will commence on the first Wednesday (the 3rd) of November, 1847.

As much embarrassment has ensued in consequence of a non-compliance with the conditions of admissions, the terms hereafter must in all instances be complied with, viz. \$100 must be paid in advance.

By order of the President.

